

“Mottainai” Feel Earth, Act for Future

Religions for Peace Japan

The problem / issue

Global Warming is emergency issue for global citizen in this world. As scientific study alerts, because of islands will be swamped as well as mega cities, such as New York, and Tokyo will be swamped by surging sea levels, even at 2 degree rise. Therefore, *RfP* Japan established Climate Change Taskforce in 2016, which mainly implement two projects, such as tree plantation and environment workshop along with ACRP declaration.



The project

Key Objectives

To feel that all people are connected in the borderless global environment, and all living creatures are crew members of spaceship “Earth.” We are given life by the Earth, which is more than just something to be protected. We recommend a sense of oneness that “all living beings are connected” be widely communicated across the world.

Main Activities

1. “WCRP Forest of Integrated Life” (tree planting activity)

Individuals plant trees and deepen their affection with nature in an area extending over 10,000 m² that is located adjacent to the Forest of Neighbor Totoro (forest named after a character in Hayao Miyazaki’s animation).

2. Tangible Globe Workshop

RfP Japan provides a comprehensive education, in which cloud and wind movements, rising of the sea level and global warming are visualized on a digital globe.

Target Groups

Religions for Peace Japan provides young people as well as adults or family members with environmental education.

Key Partners

RfP Japan collaborates with local government and local community including land owners of a target area for plantation.

Outcomes

We succeed that around 600 volunteers joined this project in total while planted 120 trees and to build cooperation and collaboration with local government, civil society and private sector. The most important challenge is to approach future generation, such as youth and children through interfaith cooperation. To overcome it, we implemented attractive activities, such as digging bamboo shoot and using a digital globe. We learned that serious study toward Climate Change is not enough, but creative and attractive approach is useful for raising awareness, as everybody wants to know our earth.

